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SUBJECT: CURRENT ZAIRIAN COPPER PRODUCTION LEVELS (APRIL)

TAGS: CG EMIN

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1. SUMMARY: NEITHER ZAIRIAN COPPER PRODUCER (GECAMINES AND SODIMIZA) IS YET COMPLYING WITH RECENT CIPEC DECISION TO CURTAIL PRODUCTION/EXPORT AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN PERCENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 15. END SUMMARY

2. GECAMINES IS STILL OPERATING AT FULL PRODUCTION AND EXPORT EXCEPT FOR MONTHLY STOCKPILE OF 2,000 TONS OF CATHODES (REFTEL). GECAMES GENERAL MANAGER UMBA FLEW TO KINSHASA APRIL 17 TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS MATTERS (FINAL SIGNATURE OF IBRD LOAN AGREEMENT FOR EXPANSION PLAN, PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING FOREX FOR IMPORTS) WHICH
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MAY INCLUDE DISCUSSION CIPEC DECISION. SENIOR

GECAMINES OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT PRODUCTION OR EXPORT CUTBACK MIGHT BE ORDERED BY GOVERNMENT IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

3. SODIMIZA IS PRODUCING AT FULL PRESENT CAPACITY WHICH SAME AS LAST YEAR (76,500 TONS OF 34.9 PERCENT COPPER CONCENTRATE PRODUCED IN 1974) BUT IS STOCKPILING FIFTEEN PERCENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT DECISION OF LAST DECEMBER. GOVERNMENT RECENTLY PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN PERCENT CUTBACK IN EXPORTS BUT SODIMIZA PRESIDENT IS RESISTING ON GROUNDS THAT OPERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED DOWN AT THAT LEVEL.

4. SODIMIZA ALSO RECENTLY RECEIVED SUGGESTION FROM BANK OF ZAIRE THAT COMPANY'S HARD CURRENCY ACCOUNT IN TOKYO BE REPATRIATED TO ZAIRE. SODIMIZA REJECTED SUGGESTION. MARKS

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